

We acknowledge that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are gathered on Treaty one land, les terres sur lesquelles nous sommes rassemblés aujourd'hui font partie du territoire traditionnel des personnes Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininiwak, Dakota, et Déné, et de la patrie de la nation métisse de la Rivière Rouge.

We stand with the Indigenous community and commit to building an ongoing process of reconciliation, collaboration, and resurgence. Nous restons déterminés à travailler en partenariat avec les Premières Nations, Inuit et Métisses dans un esprit de vérité, réconciliation et collaboration.

## Friday Announcements – December 12 Day 5

Our community land acknowledgement today is from Ms. Flynn's grade 10 advocacy class:

This land is our home and provides us with countless gifts -- water, shade, plants, animals, trees, medicine, and good memories of our favourite places. It is abundant and gives without asking anything in return.

We acknowledge and honour the fact that Indigenous People were the guardians of this land long before Settlers arrived. During colonization we took what was not ours; this damaged our relationship with Indigenous people and with the land.

For generations we have taken more than Earth can give. Soil, air, and oceans are degraded by plastic, garbage, and pollution. We apologize for the harm, seen and unseen, to our Indigenous relatives and to our Earth. Our choices and actions have damaged many beautiful places where we should have walked softly and been gentle.

It is our wish that our land acknowledgements help us honour our Indigenous relatives and our beautiful Earth. We are grateful for the land, the waters, and all living beings. Without them we have nothing. We hope all people will show respect for the Earth by cleaning up garbage, reducing pollution, and consuming less to ensure our planet becomes a better place.

We commit to protecting our Earth and showing gratitude for her gifts which are so freely offered. We promise to respect our Indigenous kin and to live peacefully. We will try to replant the great forests and heal the land's spirit. We commit to rewilding our Earth, to protecting the sacred waters, and to bringing new life to places she has been hurt. We will strive to create a future where we are deeply connected to the land and all its peoples.

Congratulations to the Boys hockey team who defeated Shaftsbury Collegiate by a score 5-1. Nich Bysek had a hat trick and one assist and Luke Farmer was selected as the player of the game. The team was up bright and early this morning for a 6:30am start with the Hockey Helps the Homeless program. Please excuse those that are away.

Next Tuesday, December 16th, all students enrolled in Intro to Psychologie with Madame Behrendt must attend a meeting at lunch in room W212.

It's finally here! Post-Secondary Club will be meeting today at lunch in room W212. Indigenous students are invited to join us for a pizza lunch and to learn about opportunities for continuing education after high school.

The South Asian Diaspora Student Group will be serving Punjabi Pasta to all GC students at lunch today! Come on down and enjoy some delicious pasta with Punjabi beats!

Today is your LAST DAY to bring food donations for Student Council's Harvest Manitoba food drive and to sign up for the DODGE THE HALLS dodgeball challenge at the food drive tables! Thanks to everyone who has donated so far to this great local organization. Next week is the LAST WEEK of classes which means it is FESTIVE WEEK! There will be a StuCo Holiday bake sale on MONDAY! Come on out to get some yummy treats at lunch in the Commons! Cash and tap will be accepted! ①. Check out our Instagram for the dress up days that start Wednesday and other fun events that are coming your way to kick off the holidays.

Next week, we will be celebrating the solstice feast on Tuesday, Dec 16th at 5 p.m. in the Commons – come join us for stew, bannock, entertainment, and more! Bring your families to enjoy the fun.

Congratulations to GC's choirs on last night's winter concert! The singers sang beautifully and created a magical evening of memorable musical moments. Despite the winter weather, there was a real feeling of warmth in the air! Well done, singers and special guest musicians!